

1 Adopt 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18227.5 to read:

2 **§ 18227.5. General Purpose Committees: State, County and City.**

3 For purposes of Section 82027.5, the following apply:

4 (a) A “state general purpose committee” is a committee that meets the criteria in
5 either paragraph (a)(1) or paragraph (a)(2):

6 (1) Makes contributions or expenditures to support or oppose candidates or
7 measures voted on in a state election, or in more than one county, including making
8 contributions to state general purpose committees, that total (A) \$50,000 or more, or (B)
9 more than 50 percent of the contributions and expenditures made by the committee, as
10 calculated pursuant to subdivision (d).

11 (2) Is a political party committee, as defined in Section 85205.

12 (b) A “county general purpose committee” is a committee that meets the criteria
13 in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2):

14 (1) Makes contributions or expenditures to support or oppose candidates or
15 measures voted on in only one county, or in more than one jurisdiction within one
16 county, including contributions to county general purpose committees in the same
17 county, that total more than 50 percent of the contributions and expenditures made by the
18 committee, as calculated pursuant to subdivision (d).

19 (2) Is not a state or city general purpose committee as defined in subdivisions (a)
20 or (c).

21 (c) A “city general purpose committee” is a committee that meets the criteria in
22 paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2):

1 (1) Makes contributions or expenditures to support or oppose candidates or
2 measures voted on in only one city, or in one consolidated city and county, including
3 contributions to city general purpose committees in the same city or the same
4 consolidated city and county, that total more than 50 percent of the contributions and
5 expenditures made by the committee, as calculated pursuant to subdivision (d).

6 (2) Is not a state general purpose committee as defined in subdivision (a).

7 (d) For purposes of making the calculations set out in subdivisions (a) to (c), a
8 committee shall count contributions and expenditures made to support or oppose
9 candidates, measures, or committees, during the current calendar year and the previous
10 calendar year and required to be reported by the committee. A committee shall assess its
11 expenditures and calculate the applicable percentage quarterly at the end of March, June,
12 September and December.

13 (e) A newly formed general purpose committee shall indicate its jurisdiction on
14 its statement of organization based on whether the committee plans to support or oppose
15 candidates or measures at the state, county, or city level. A new committee formed as a
16 state, county, or city general purpose committee within six months of an election in
17 connection with which the committee plans to make or is making contributions and
18 expenditures, shall assess its contributions and expenditures at the end of each month to
19 determine whether it qualifies as a primarily formed committee pursuant to Section
20 82047.5 and Regulation 18427.5.

21 (f) An existing general purpose committee that begins making a large percentage
22 of its contributions and expenditures on a single candidate or measure, or a group of
23 candidates or measures being voted on in the same election, shall determine whether it

1 qualifies as a primarily formed committee pursuant to Section 82047.5 and Regulation
2 18427.5.

3 (g) A general purpose committee whose status changes from one jurisdiction to
4 another, or to become a primarily formed committee, shall amend its statement of
5 organization pursuant to Section 84103 to reflect the change.

6 (h) A committee that makes no contributions or expenditures supporting or
7 opposing candidates or measures during the time period set forth in subdivision (d) shall
8 retain its existing status.

9 NOTE: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code.

10 Reference: Sections 82027.5, Government Code.